

Another statement, furnished me by a gentleman who has given considerable attention to the genealogy of the Loomis family, is the following: "Some sixty years since, Dr. Wheelock, then president of Dartmouth College, N. H., received a letter from a gentleman in Leyden, Holland, stating that a Mr. Lomas had deceased at that place, leaving some property to the oldest Lomas in Windsor, Conn., and from concomitants it is believed that our family once resided in Leyden."

In July, 1857, I visited Leyden, mainly for the purpose of testing the truth of this rumor. I examined the Address-Buch of Leyden for the name of Lomas, but found no such name. I consulted the clerks at the post office and many other persons in the town, but no one knew any such person.

The deaths in Leyden are all recorded in large volumes preserved at the Stadthaus. From 1775 to 1795, and also since 1805, there has been prepared an alphabetical list of all the deaths; but the name of Lomas could not be found there. There was no alphabetical list of the deaths for other years, and it was a hopeless task to look for a particular name without some indication of the year in which it was to be found.

There is also an alphabetical list of all who have left unclaimed property since 1778. The name Lomas is not there to be found, nor any name which it is thought could be confounded with it. I also examined an alphabetical list of all whose property had been sold from 1770 to 1812, but did not find any name resembling Lomas. Hence it is inferred that no such person had property sold in Leyden during that period.

This evidence satisfies me that the rumor above referred to is erroneous, either in respect of the place (Leyden) or the person (Lomas). I have found no evidence which indicated that Joseph Loomis of Windsor ever resided upon the continent of Europe.

*The name Lomas in Great Britain.*—In some parts of Great Britain the names Lomas and Lomax are of very common occurrence, while in other portions these names are entirely unknown. Slater's Directory of Manchester for 1865 gives 102 persons of the name Lomas, 47 of the name Lomax, 2 of the name Lummis, and 2 of the name Lomnitz. The following table shows the result of a similar analysis of the directories of eight towns of England: